

Amendments to the Specification

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RELATED APPLICATION

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

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A. Field of the Invention

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B. Description of the Related Art

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In the usual case, the WAP user navigates to the search query page, and is presented with a form into which they input their search query. With conventional

methods, the user may be required to press multiple keys to select a particular letter. On a standard telephone keypad, for example, the user would select the letter "b" by pressing the "2" key twice, or would select the letter "s" by pressing the "7" key four ~~time~~ times.

Accordingly, to enter a query for "ben smith", the user would ordinarily need to enter the following string of keypress: 223366077776444844

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

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A. Overview

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B. Architecture

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C. Architectural Operation

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FIG. 4b illustrates how a conventional search engine, such as search engine 125, would use the index illustrated in FIG. 4a to provide search results in response to an alphanumeric search query. The alphanumeric query may be generated using any conventional technique. For purposes of illustration, FIG. 4b depicts consider two alphanumeric queries: "car" and "wine". Under a conventional approach, search engine 125 receives an alphanumeric query, such as a "car" (stage 410), and uses the alphanumeric index to determine which documents correspond to that query (stage 420). In this example, a conventional search engine 125 would use the index illustrated in FIG. 4a to determine that "car" corresponds to Document 1 and would return Document 1 (or a reference to it) to the user as a search result. Similarly, a conventional search engine would determine

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that "wine" corresponds to Document 3 and would return Document 3 (or a reference to it) to the user (stage 430).

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D. Conclusion